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It's Like This - -

SAYS LIZ

A short time ago, Rashelle Doree, internationally known singer, was a visitor in Joshua Tree and Sunfair. Upon her return to Hollywood she felt moved to record her impression of our desert country in a letter to a friend.

It's like this —

"Going to the desert? In August?" asked a friend of mine from the East. "What madness!" But to the desert I went, and it was neither unbearbly hot nor anything like my preconceived notions of what a desert was like. I don't really know what I expected to see as I drove along the highway and through the town of Joshua Tree.

Our first stop was at the new turkeyland called Sunfair. I was fascinated with this development. Fascinated at the sight of thousands of healthy looking turkeys raised in a most modern scientific way — a business adventure that would appeal to people in every walk of life. Not only the farmer but people of adventurous spirit and lovers of nature should revel in the opportunity to participate in such an enterprise.

This new development, I am sure, has a great future. One could almost visualize it in ten years from now; a thriving community where turkeys are raised for every table, no matter how humble — not only for holidays but brought to the level of the poultry and meats which people buy without thinking of a festive occasion.

The abundance of God's country here in California is something for which we should all be grateful.

Following my visit to Turkeyland, I was taken to Joshua Tree National Monument. It was in awe that I gazed at this stupendous mystery. There was almost an etherial silence, not only in the atmosphere, but in myself. Words have not yet been printed to express these gigantic and mysterious formations that take on shapes and forms as one gazes at them with inner eyes. Would, or could, they but tell us of all they know and have seen in thousands and thousands of years as they watch us, poor bewildered mortals, with our earthly quarrels, our confused sense of values and our prejudices.

We come, we go — they remain. Each one of us may see something different in this majestic vastness, but to me it was a spiritual experience.

I left in gratitude and humility for Nature's gift to Humanity.

RASHELLE DOREE
El Cadiz Apts.,
1723¼ N. Sycamore
Hollywood, California

Federated Clubs a Live Wire Booster Organization

JOSHUA TREE — Since the formation of Federated Clubs for the purpose of "putting Joshua Tree on the map," 410 letters have been written, most of them in reply to inquiries about Joshua Tree.

Almost 5000 folders have been given or mailed out. Recently the Shell Travel Bureau requested 200 copies. This week 500 were sent on request to the Union Pacific Railroad, to be placed in their waiting rooms from Omaha to Seattle.

Needed Improvements on Twenty-nine Palms Highway Underway

JOSHUA TREE — Howard B. Way, County Road Commissioner, called on the Chamber of Commerce here last Tuesday. He informed the president and secretary of the Chamber that the county would widen the pavement through the business district eight feet, four feet on each side, when completion of the local road oiling project is assured. He was profuse in his praise of the work the Chamber of Commerce has achieved to date on this endeavor.

Way also stated that the highway between Joshua Tree and Yucca Valley would be re-graded and widened, as well as five miles of narrow, shoulderless road between Yucca Valley and Morongo Valley.

Some equipment has already been brought into the valley and work has begun in the vicinity of Joshua Tree.

Mr. Branthoover, on behalf of the local Chamber, thanked Mr. Way for all the recent paving and repairs made on the town's streets. He stated that in his opinion this work constituted a major improvement for Joshua Tree.

Bouchey's to Re-Open Saturday

YUCCA VALLEY — Bouchey's, popular dining spot and cocktail bar in Yucca Valley, will re-open Saturday night after their usual summer closing.

Tommy and Gwen Bouchey, the charming host and hostess, are "favorite people" of residents of this part of the desert and they are missed during the summer months when they close to go on an extended vacation.

Highlight of the Saturday night party will be a Turkey Plate Dinner. For those who do not prefer turkey there will be a shrimp plate.

With dances in both Morongo Valley and Yucca Valley Saturday night, Bouchey's will be the ideal spot at which to start off a gala evening.

Joshua Tree Artist Will Exhibit Paintings In Los Angeles

JOSHUA TREE — Invitations are out to a private exhibition of paintings by Stefan de Bandrowski to be held next Tuesday and Wednesday at the home of Mrs. L. Cobb in Los Angeles.

Mr. de Bandrowski has used both oil and water color as his mediums and is showing some of his most recent work. The exhibition promises to be one of the very interesting art events of the fall in Los Angeles.

Construction on New Schools To Begin In November

Final approval, by the State Department of Education School Planning, has been given to the plans for the Twentynine Palms and Yucca Valley Elemetary School Building Projects under the date of September 13, 1949.

Mr. C. L. Senefeld, assistant to Architect Maynard Lyndon, states that he has only a few changes to make before advertisements for a general contractor will be published. Mr. Senefeld believes that the advertisement will be made late this month.

Bids cannot be opened for thirty days after the advertisement has first been published. At the end of that time, the lowest responsible bidder is chosen.

This choice of a contractor must be approved by the Local Allocation Board of the State Department of Finance. After that, the contractor is free to start construction under rigid regulaions.

In view of the above, it is estimated that the actual process of construction will begin about the middle or latter part of November. It is not expected that the buildings will be ready for occupancy this school year, however, it is likely they will be completed about next June, barring unforeseen difficulties.

Fall Season in Desert Areas Opening With Colorful Events

According to the schedule of coming events in the desert area the month of October promises to be a gay and exciting one.

The desert season officially opens in Palm Springs with the Fall Barbecue on October 1, held on the green grass of O'Donnell Golf Course.

On October 2 at the Banning Gymkhana, horsemen will compete for trophies in equestrian events at the town's airport.

Desert Hot Springs 49'ers Centennial is set for Oct. 8 and 9. This

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Plans Complete for Air Show Sunday

GIANT ROCK AIRPORT — G. W. VanTassel, operator of Giant Rock Airport, reports that final plans for the big Air Show on Sunday are now complete. Besides the exhibitions and stunts in the air, there will be added attractions on the ground.

Prnicess Rainbow Sisterro, Indian mystic, who has amazed many people of the valley with her predictions, will be at the show, available for readings.

There will be displays of desert made souvenirs, among them cholla wood novelties created by Lee Watkins of Desert Hot Springs.

Radio and newspaper publicity is expected to bring a large crowd from "down below" and local people are advised by VanTassel to drive out to Giant Rock early enough Sunday morning to avoid the traffic.

Seats on the "world's largest natural grandstand" will be obtained on the "first come, first served" basis, those who take in the free dance Saturday night and camp on the grounds probably getting the choice spots.

Church to Celebrate Anniversary

JOSHUA TREE — The Joshua Tree Community Chapel will celebrate its third birthday on Sunday, October 2.

The organization of this church group was started on the first Sunday in October 1946, at the Joshua Tree Community Hall. The first service in the present church was held on May 15, of this year.

The Community Chapel will not be alone in commemorating October 2, as this is also the date that has been designated as World Communion Sunday.

Members of the congregation extend a cordial invitation to all to "come and observe this double anniversary with us. All who are seeking a place to worship God are welcome in our Community Chapel."

Former Journal Editor Moves to Salt Lake City

JOSHUA TREE — Gerald O. McMillen, former editor of the Joshua Journal, is now located in Salt Lake City, associated with Lee Portraits, Photographers.

"Mac" came back last week on a combined business trip and visit to old friends. He dropped into the Journal office for a chat before he left. His wife, Evelyn, who recently resigned from her position at the Joshua Tree Post Office, accompanied McMillen back to Salt Lake City where they will make their home.

New Western Series to be Filmed at Pioneertown

Pioneertown—According to Russ Hayden, president and general manager of Pioneertown Corporation, a series of western pictures starring Hayden and Jimmy Ellison will be filmed here the latter part of November.

A small company will be on lo-

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FHA Loans for New Home Construction May Be Paid Off Over 8-Year Period

Reports have come to us that some of our readers were a bit confused after reading last week's interview with Joseph Wasserburger, executive vice-president of the Joshua Monument National Bank, concerning Title I FHA loans.

The rates quoted for monthly payments were for improvement construction loans up to $2500 which must be repaid in from one to three years.

According to Mr. Wasserburger, loans up to $4500 for new home construction may be paid out over a period of eight years. The rate of payment on these loans is $12.43 per $1000 per month.

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THE HUMAN FACTOR

One match, one smoldering cigarette butt, one spark from a camp fire, can be the cause of the destruction of thousands of acres of timber that it took Nature centuries to create.

When the forests or the desert brush burn, the cruelest of deaths comes to the wildlife that live in their shelter.

This year the country has witnessed a number of very serious forest fires. The hazard does not end with the summer months. There has been unusually dry weather in various sections of the country. Trees, woodlands, and desert brush will be ripe for destruction by fire for some time to come.

There seems to be a rather widespread idea that most forest fires are started by natural causes byond the ability of man to prevent or control. That is not true. Although the fire last week that burned out 520 acres of vegetation in the hills bordering Morongo Valley was caused by lightning during a brief storm, authorities are agreed that nine out of ten fires are due entirely to human carelessness with matches, cigarettes or camp fires. To quote from the New York Times, "Annually they cause direct losses running into millions of dollars and equally serious indirect losses in the destruction of our dwindlng forest reserves . . ."

The human factor, in fact, is responsible for almost all fires, whether they take place in a forest, a home or in a factory. Carelessness, ignorance, indifference to rudimentary precautions these are fire's friends. When we replace them with care and watchfulness, fire will be beaten.

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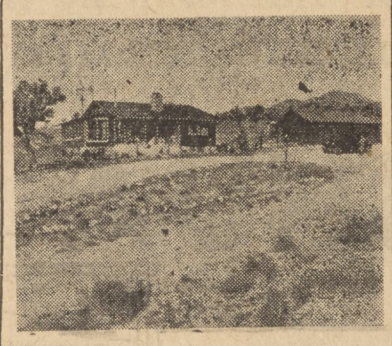

THE JOSHUAS

Lowly Philosophy

By JUNE LeMERT PAXTON

"SUCH AS I HAVE"

On several occasions recently, I have been in the company of people who have lots of money, — well-to-do, financially speaking. I found myself, at those times, thinking what I would do if I had that amount of money. It is easy to think of the many ways in which we could help the less fortunate if we had an abundance of wealth!

But early this Sunday morning, as I frequently do, I listened to an over-the-air church service from Chicago. I'm sure the minister was talking straight to me for he used as his text, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee." "SUCH AS I HAVE." Not that which I lack would I share, but such as I have, I give freely!

Mentally speaking, that minister put me on the spot! His logic stripped me of many alibis, and his revelation of Truth gave me much food for thought. Since in spirit there is no great or small, am I doing all that I can for others with my time and my talents? Am I offering a handclasp or scattering bits of sunshine to those in trouble? Of material blessings, am I sharing all that I can afford, —knowing that only by sharing do I deserve to gain more?

As Peter of old shared his faith and his courage with the crippled one, so you and I can share that which we have, with those who have not!

Seachlight for Parents

By Edith Boutwell

How do your children take disappointments? Do they mope and sulk and make trouble for the rest of the family, until you all feel out of sorts?

A good sport takes disappointments with a smile, and puts his thoughts and energy into other channels. If the grown people of the home smile in the face of difficulty, and work on the policy of "What can't be cured must be endured," it will certainly help the children to adjust themselves to their smaller trials.

Little Helen's mother always prepared the way for a change of conditions which might bring disappointment, by thinking the matter through with the young daughter, and finding several other pleasant things to do in case the pleasure anticipated could not be indulged in.

Happy adjustment is the key note to happiness, and we cannot train the little folks too soon in developing the habit of "making the best of things."

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Church Corner

JOSHUA TREE — Last Sunday there were 29 at Sunday School and the church attendance was good.

In place of the regular sermon a Rally Day Program entitled "The Power of God" was arranged by Dr. D. C. Williams, with Mrs. H. K. Lee and other members of the Sunday School assisting.

By means of appropriate scripture and parts in the play presented it was strikingly portrayed that the solution for all the ills of the World, personal and social, can be found in loyalty to Jesus Christ and in following His teachings; that the power of God, through Christian Education taught in the Sunday schools and churches, can overcome ignorance and lead people to Salvation.

The Bible Study Group will meet on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. with Mrs. Harry Wheeler as leader.

The fourth monthly Fellowship meeting with the usual delicious pot-luck supper was held last Saturday night.

Following the Community Sing, Mr. John Sherborne showed colored moving picutres of Mammoth Lakes and many beautiful scenes taken in the High Sierras while he and Mrs. Sherborne were on their vacation trip.

— Edythe Fraetis

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YUCCA VALLEY—On next Sunday, Oct. 2, 11 a.m., Chester Zimmer from the Pacific Bible Seminary, Long Beach, will be guest speaker at the Yucca Valley Community Church. All are invited.

— Mrs. Clarence McCollum

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MORONGO VALLEY — Although there have been no church or Sunday school services held in the Community building during the summer due to the absence of the pastor it is reported that Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reed will undertake to get the Sunday School started again in the very near future.

They have plans underway now for a Sunday School picnic. Watch the bulletin board for further announcements.

Greenhorn Gardner

By RUTH HALE

(Today we are printing a recent contribution to our column. We should like to hear from more of you desert gardeners.

Dear Greenhorn Gardener:

I have found that the personality of one's garden is apt to change when one leaves it. The fundamental things, like trees and shrubs live on, but Nature has a way of obliterating the little things if a new owner is at all negligent.

Twenty-five years ago in Pacific Palisades I had a home and garden which I sold. Today where are the little stone paths, lined on each side with delicate blossoms, or the rustic waterfall emptying into a little pond we so diligently fashioned in our crude way, or the water lillies and goldfish that were the delight of all who visited us?

They have disappeared long since but the trees stand majestic, almost like the "forest primeval" where once they were tiny little

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Banning Theatre
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Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat.
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Joshua Tree Notes

The P.T.A. will hold its first regular meeting of the year at Community Hall, Thursday evening, September 29, at 8 p.m.

Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Lesser and Mother Van, of Los Angeles, have been vacationing in Joshua Tree for the past month. Each weekend Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Van, of Glendale, have driven up to join the party. All have become desert enthusiasts and hope in the near future to purchase a home in Joshhua Tree.

The William Apels, of Hollywood, friends of the Lessers, have also been recent visitors and also intend to purchase property.

Miss Ila Tonkins returned to Los Angeles Sunday after spending a week's vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. McGee were visitors in Joshua Tree Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Howard of Beverly Hills have rented the Connor apartment.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ferguson recently purchased the Lowell Winter home on Easterly Drive. Charles A. Mitchell, Realtor, represented both parties.

Mrs. John L. Duncan spent Wednesday and Thursday with her sister, Mrs. S. W. Reed in San Bernardino.

Week-end guests at Joshua Tree Lodge were Mrs. Cora Chamberlain and daughter Elsie, and Mrs. Susie Murphy of Manhattan Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sherborne and children of Whittier spent the week-end at the Harold Sherborne home.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dimon, who have been visiting Margaret Bair, have returned to their home in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. The Dimons are ardent bowlers and while here visited the Pioneer Bowl several times, running up some excelleent scores.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Longshaw attended the Fair at Pomona and spent a few days in Los Angeles last week.

Bob and Patty Garry with their young son, spent Thursday and Friday of last week vacationing at Idyllwild. They returned home on Saturday.

Open Letter

This is to advise the property owners and residents of Joshua Tree that, due to lack of funds, the publicity work of the FEDERATED CLUBS must cease at the end of this month.

I have devoted practically all of my time during August and September to this work. We have had an excellent response to our efforts, BUT, apparently the people of Joshua Tree are not willing to pay the cost. Only a few progressive citizens have helped. One hundred dollars have been received from four civic organizations and approximately a like amount from individuals. Since the publishing of the first list of contributors in Sept. 14 issue of the Joshua Journal, the following contributions have been received: Lisle Allen, $1.00; H. Aldridge, $5.00; A. Fetherston, $1.00; H. Longshaw, $5.00; C. Suffdy, $1.00; and F. Wilberg, $8.00.

More folders are now needed. We had hoped to place advertising in magazines with national distribution, but are unable to do so because of lack of funds now.

We tried. It is too bad that just when results are starting, we must stop. But if that is what you want, so be it.

F. F. BRANTHOOVER, Pres.
Joshua Tree C. of C.

FALL SEASON IN DESERT

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celebration will feature a big parade at 11 a.m. on Oct. 8. High school bands are invited to enter and will be given lunch, dinner, and a swimming party. No automobiles will be permitted in the parade.

Events of the fiesta will include horse-racing, calf roping, and a dog show. An attractive "Miss Centennial" of Desert Hit Springs will reign over the celebration.

On Oct. 13-16 the San Bernardino Covered Wagon Days and Century of Gold celebration will provide colorful entertainment.

The Salton Sea Regatta, "deepest" speedboat race in the U.S., held on the inland ocean which is twice as salty as the Pacific, and 280 feet below sea level, will take place on Oct. 15-18.

Oct. 22 and 23 are the dates set for Twentynine Palms' Pioneer Days when the kangaroo court will sentence all girls wearing make-up and all men without beards. The Gold Rush parade will be held at 1 p.m. on the first day; barbecue and square dancing on horseback, both days; and a parade and horse events on the second day.

The month's festivities will close with Palm Springs' famous Western Week from Oct. 27-30. The big parade will start at noon on Oct. 28.

Double Birthday Celebration

YUCAIPA — Celebrating two birthdays as one event was the reason for the open air steak fry given Saturday night at the Floyd DeLong ranch on E Street.

Virginia Herling, turkey rancher of Sunfair, and Chester R. Bunker, of the Bunker-Summers Land Co. were the honored guests.

Among the guests from Joshua Tree and Sunfair gathered around the festive board were Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Aldridge, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Dutton and Mary Burson.

Mrs. Chester Bunker came up from Los Angeles for the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Conkey, from Banning, were also present.

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Morongo Valley Notes

Mrs. Ivy Stead fell recently sustaining an injury to her hip and has been confined to her bed ever since. "Doc" Crawford has been playing Good Samaritan by taking Mrs. Stead's groceries and mail to her daily, and assisting her in many ways.

Mrs. "Doc" Crawford has been suffering with arthritis recently and was taken in to a hospital for a brief period.

It is reported that the Bruce Hamilton family will be moving into Los Angeles soon, where Bruce will be connected with the Power Co.

The Frank Sanders have been entertaining a friend, Gene Von Dorn, from Rahway, New Jersey. On Monday they visited in Joshua Tree stopping by the Journal office to get information on turkey ranches and the turkey industry. The Sanders are hoping to persuade the Von Dorns to move out to our California desert permanently.

Ruth Hile moved herself and her belongings from Joshua Tree to her new home in Morongo Valley last Saturday. She seemed pretty well settled by Monday morning and told a Journal reporter she had never felt so full of pep. Her front windows face Mt. San Jacinto. With such a view for a daily diet one should indeed feel on top of the world. And there's something about that wonderful air coming off the mountain that does things to one too.

Bea Staniford was out to spend the week-end in her cabin in the Palm Wells Valley section.

Carlotta Fobes has returned from Pasadena to rejoin her husband Kenneth on their ranch here.

Alice Kingsley gave a little dinner party the other night to welcome her neighbors, Bea Staniford, Carlotta and Kenneth Fobes. Ruth Hale, who has been a part-time neighbor was also in the party.

At the Chamber of Commerce meeting last Thursday night it was decided to hold a floor sanding party in the Community Building on Friday night. A good crowd of workers gathered and the ladies were prepared to serve coffee and doughnuts but the sander which was to be brought up from Banning did not arrive. But the little social gathering was fun, anyhow. A floor-sander was obtained on Saturday morning and several hard working volunteers got busy on the sanding and oiling job. The Community House floor is now one to be proud of.

THE HARRY HESSES RETURN FROM 3700 MILE VACATION

Rosella and Harry Hess returned home last Tuesday morning after driving all night to miss the desert heat. They report a marvelous trip with their new house-trailer, and state it is the only way to travel in comfort.

They followed coast highway Route 1 up to San Francisco, camping along side the ocean at night. Enroute they visited Mr. Hess' daughter, Mrs. Alvin Murdock and family.

Continuing north they visited Medford and Portland, Oregon. Choosing the old Columbia River Drive rather than the new which is less scenic they spent three or four days among the tall pines.

When they visited the Hood River country they found the apple orchards loaded with fruit. Some trees had as many as 16 props under them. The Hesses report that apples were selling for $30 a ton. They found an abundance of peaches. In fact, peaches weighing a pound apiece were being given away.

Travelling through Burns and Bend, Oregon, where there has been freezing weather every month this year, they went on to Boise and Sun Valley, Idaho, where they visited with Mrs. Lena Harris and Mrs. Ray McGoldrick and family, Mrs. Hess' sisters.

In Blackfoot, Idaho, Rosella visited her old home where, in the early 1900's she arrived with her family in a covered wagon from Nebraska. Being a very small child at the time, she was vividly impressed with some rather hair-raising experiences met with on that trip. But that's another story.

Before returning home the Hesses visited Bryce Canyon and Zion National Park. They were gone about a month.

Morongons Involved In Accident Near Pomona

MORONGO VALLEY — While en route to Morongo Valley from Los Angeles last Wednesday, Kenny Byrd and Bruce Hamilton were slightly injured and badly shaken up when their car was in a collision with a car travelling just in front of them. According to Byrd and Hamilton, the car, containing an elderly couple, suddenly stopped in front of them. Just as they applied brakes and swerved to avoid the stopping car it also swerved in the same direction and collision followed.

Kenny Byrd's car was a total loss and the other car was destroyed by fire, its occupants escaping without serious injury. Byrd received a gash across the forehead and an injured knee and Hamilton was severely bruised and shaken.

The young men were admitted to a hospital in Pomona for care and were released to return home Friday.

Fire Caused by Lightning Bolt Threatens Valley

MORONGO VALLEY — A brush fire started by lightning last Tuesday in the hills south of Morongo Valley, threatened for a while to become a very serious situation.

Smoke rising over the hills was seen shortly after an unusually brilliant flash of lightning and a simulatneous clap of thunder. Mrs. E. E. Grimes and Mrs. L. Plaus turned in the alarm at approximately the same moment. Nine of the eleven Morongo Valley Volunteers responded immediately. The other two were at work in Palm Springs.

From 2 p.m. till shortly before dusk, when the bull-dozers of the State Forestry Dept. arrived residents in Sections 22 and 23 were kept on the anxious seat as hot ashes and sparks showered down on them.

The State Forestry fire-fighters with the crack Rainbow Division set up fire camp on the Livingston Guest Ranch, at the foot of the blazing hill. The fire was brought under control early Tuesday evening, but flared up again for a brief time Wednesday morning. Fire-fighting crews left the valley Wednesday afternoon.

State Ranger Chuck Meidell reports that 520 acres were burned over.

Yucca Valley Notes

Yucca Valley P.T.A. will hold its first meeting at the school house on October 5th. Parents are urged to be present.

Don Lewin, president of the Community Club has announced that there will be a pot-luck supper at the Club House grounds every Monday night until further notice. The purpose of these get-togethers will be to cooperate in cleaning up and beautifying the grounds about the building.

Nancy Lindsey, of Bell, has been visiting her parents, the W. C. Lindseys on Bannock Trail.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Lewin and daughter LaDon have moved into their new home on Santa Fe Trail.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Katje were in the valley last Thursday on business.

R. L. Stephenson received a severe finger injury last week while mixing grain in an electric mixing machine. Dr. Dodson of Joshua Tree administered emergency treatment and Bob is now doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Peters Jr., of Palos Verde were up for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pomroy of Long Beach have been enjoying a week's stay at the Lombardo Motel.

Week-end guests at the Lombardo Motel were A. E. Erickson and P. L. Baldwin of Los Angeles, L. B. Moore of San Gabriel and Alvin and Frank Moore of Pomona.

Yucca Valley Youth Has Narrow Escape

YUCCA VALLEY — While driving on the Pioneertown road last Friday night Bruce Barnes lost control of his car and turned turtle three times. He escaped injury but the car is reported to be a complete wreck.

Legion Auxiliary Card Party

YUCCA VALLEY — Julia and Jeff Overbay were gracious hosts to a card party given by the American Legion Women's Auxiliary, Yucca Valley Post No. 469, on the evening of September 20th.

Card games included bridge, canasta, cribbage and pinochle. The party was most successful judging by the fun had by all present. Refreshments were served and a door prize donated by Jane Singleton, a new member of the Auxiliary, was won by Margaret Gurvine.

Attending the party were: Mr. and Mrs. J. Overbay, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Boldman, Florence Harmon, Edna Regan, Florence Hoffer and Margaret Gurvine. Also Lee Cotton, Fred LaFerney, Lucien Stockton and Robert Weir.

Many from Morongo Valley were unable to attend because of a serious brush fire set off by lightning in the hills south of the Livingston Guest Ranch.

Pioneertown News

Al Lipps and family are back from a trip to Michigan.

Don Kokx is still visiting relatives in Michigan and "Jonesy" is holding the fort at the Red Dog until his return.

Roy Brown, who had planned to make the trip with Don, did not go and is around and about these parts this week. He is plenty busy with plans for his new Yucca Valley Graphic, which, according to Roy will appear soon.

Indian Cove Notes

Walter and Carey Lathrop of the Indian Cove Snack Bar are leaving October 3rd for a two weeks' vacation, visiting along the coast as far north as San Francisco. They expect to be gone about two weeks.

Mrs. Irma Richardson left Monday for New Mexico and points in Texas. She will visit her mother and expects to be gone about a month.

Mr. Wayne Holland of El Paso, Texas, visited Indian Cove last Sunday, looking over his property.

Walter and Carey Lathrop are moving into their new home this week which has just been completed and is located adjacent to the Snack Bar.

Sam Sewell of Long Beach visited with his sister, Mrs. Paul White at Indian Cove for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Phoenix of San Bernardino recently located in Smoke Tree. Mr. Phoenix has leased the Smoke Tree Garage which he is opening October 3rd. He has owned and operated a garage in San Bernardino for the past six years. The Phoenix's state they plan to build a home on their property at Indian Cove in the near future.

Eloise Jeffries has left town and the Thompsons plan to move into her house.

Those 14 Chinese elms that Henry Jew is having planted outside the Golden Stallion should provide some wonderful shade a few years hence.

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MORONGO VALLEY

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
2nd & 4th Thursday
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WOMAN'S SOCIAL CLUB
1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Community Hall

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.
1st & 3rd Monday

RANCHO SUN VALLEY

SUN VALLEY CLUB
Last Thursday each month.

JOSHUA TREE

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
2nd Friday each month
Community Hall

WOMAN'S CLUB
Regular meeting — 3rd Wednesday, each month.
Board of Directors, 1st Wed.
Community Hall

SPORTSMAN'S CLUB
1st & 3rd Monday
Sportsman's Hall

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
2nd Thurs., 8 p.m., Community Hall

YUCCA VALLEY

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
2nd Friday, Community Hall

COMMUNITY SERVICE CLUB
2nd Wed. 7:30 p.m.
Community Hall

AMERICAN LEGION, POST 469
LEGION AUXILIARY
1st Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Legion Hall

LIONS CLUB
1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Dinner — Board of Directors last Thursdays

P.T.A.
1st Wednesday

Church Notes

JOSHUA TREE

COMMUNITY CHAPEL
Rev. D. C. Williams, Minister.
Sunday services, 11 a.m.
Community Chapel
Sunday School: Mrs. H. K. Lee, Supt., Community Chapel, 9:45 a.m.

FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

Fellowship meetings are held at the chapel the fourth Saturday of each month.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICE

Sunday Service at 11 a.m.
Sunday School same hour
Community Hall

YUCCA VALLEY

YUCCA VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday School Services—10 A.M.
Church Services—11 A.M., 8 P.M.
Thursday evening — Prayer Meeting — 8 P.M.

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Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship 11 A.M.
Evening Worship 7:45 P.M.
Wed. Bible Study 7:45 P.M.
Fri. Prayer Meeting 7:45 P.M.

CATHOLIC MASS
Sat. 9 a.m., Rev. O'Dowd

FOR HEALTHIER POULTS

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Vitamin A as efficiently as chicks. It is suggested that 2000 units of Vitamin A per pound of starting ration be provided with the fish meal.

Low fiber rations are advantageous for starting poults. Eliminate millrun, keep alfalfa down to 5 per cent and use not more than 10 per cent finely ground oats.

When poults get up to 8 weeks old they can handle up to 20 per cent alfalfa if it is fed in a pelleted ration.

Turkey poults seem to make greater gains on rations that have been pelleted or crumbled. Also seed in this form seems to get them started eating sooner.

From The California Farmer

Womens Club Hears Talk on Rug Making

JOSHUA TREE — The regular monthly meeting of the Joshua Tree Women's Club was held Wednesday, Sept. 21, in the Community Hall.

Three new members were present, Mrs. Oscar Rice and the Misses Louise and Frances Sims.

Plans were formulated for a Halloween Dinner to be served in the Community Hall on Saturday night, Oct. 29th. More definite announcements regarding the dinner will be made at a later date.

Inasmuch as the treasury was a little ahead, two "kitchen" notes were paid off. The notes selected to be paid are drawn from all those as yet unpaid. Notes held by John Sherborne of Joshua Tree and Ed Gilpin of Twentynine Palms were paid.

Mrs. Amber Peterson, Sewing chairman, gave an extensive outline of work planned for this year.

Mrs. Beulah L. Curren, secretary of the Twentynine Palms Women's Club was guest speaker and gave a most interesting talk on her hobby of hooked rugs. She brought with her many lovely rugs to display. She also announced that the Annual Weed Show sponsored by the Twentynine Palms Women's Club is to be held Oct. 12 and 13.

SURPRISINGLY FEW LOSSES FROM HEAT IN DESERT TURKEYLAND

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during the hottest week of the summer, not more than 30 birds out of the approximately 50,000 turkeys in Sun Valley, died as a result of extreme heat.

Frye stated that the 30 birds died on comparatively new ranches where shade provided was insufficient. Growers seem to be of the opinion that it is better to have no shade at all, than not enough for the flock, as the birds will attempt to get under shade and insufficient space will cause crowding which results in loss of birds.

"OPERATION TURKEY"

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last week each grower drew a number and agreed that all holding even numbers would assist their fellow ranchers in loading birds one morning, while those holding odd numbers would comprise the loading crew on alternate mornings.

The big trucks of the Southern California Turkey Growers Association arrive in Sunfair at 3 a.m. and all hands are kept busy for about two hours, while the loading is in process.

Hot coffee and doughnuts or cakes are dispensed to the workers by the wives of the ranchers, and an early morning social hour interspersed with turkey talk is enjoyed after the work is completed.

Last week turkeys were shipped from the Frye, Harmon, Dutton, Haynes and Gillman ranches. On Monday of this week, 750 toms, averaging around 26 pounds, were shipped from the King ranch, L. O. Montieth plans on shipping his entire flock this week.

The schedule next week calls for shipments from the Terrazas, Summers, Frye-Harmon ranches, and possibly from the Stepp and Weygold ranches.

GREENHORN GARDNER

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shoots of doubtful possibilities.

So, folks, let's plant trees, lots of them, for its the survival of the fittest. The bores and the gophers are out to defeat us as well as other forces of Nature, but there is safety in numbers. They won't get them all.

I will close with a few thoughts on my present garden:

Now that my garden is getting full grown
I think of the times that I carried home
Some choice little plant found under a stone,
Or a deep rooted cactus I pulled with a groan;
And the juniper bush with the musical tone,
Or the tamarac tree with its sigh and its moan,
As the wind whistles through and its branches are blown.
Not forgetting the minerals too precious to loan
All for the taking when one likes to roam.

—A. Moron Gonian

(Note to Greenhorn Gardner from the Editor: We would be willing to lay bets that A. Moron Gonian is Alice Kingsley.)

NEW WESTERN SERIES TO BE FILMED AT P T

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cation about five weeks for exterior shooting and possibly do inside takes at Pioneertown studios.

Ron Ormond will produce the series and rumor has it that he may get the new "Miss America" to appear as leading lady. Others slated to work in the series include "Fuzzy" Knight and Raymond Hatton.

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THE TURKEY GROWERS PAGE

ASSEMBLED ON THIS PAGE EACH WEEK ARE NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE TURKEY GROWERS OF THE DESERT AREAS

MARKET REPORT

SALT LAKE CITY — According to a report just received from J. R. Garret, Norbest Turkey Growers Association, with headquarters in Salt Lake City, "The turkey market is steady to firm on hens and heavy toms. Turkeys under 22 pounds slow."

Turkey Growers Form Organization

SUNFAIR — To form a turkey growers association was the reason for the gathering of many of the local turkey growers at the Sunfair Tract office Tuesday night of last week.

Robert Kroes was elected president; Perry Dutton, vice-president; and Edna Frye, secretary of the new organization which has not yet been given a name.

Another meeting of the turkey growers group will be held this week to perfect the organization.

Surprisingly Few Losses from Heat in Desert Turkeyland

SUNFAIR — Contrary to rumors that have been heard flying about, the percentage of turkey loss due to heat this summer was very low in the Sun Valley area.

According to Tommy Frye, who made an accurate check of ranches

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For Healthier Poults

The following is a short summary of some recent turkey research being done at Washington State College:

Everything else being equal, the faster you get your poults out of the incubator and give them food and water the less the mortality.

It appears that turkey poults do not utilize carotene as a source of

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HEMET TURKEY SHOW

SUNFAIR — Word has been received here from K. W. Peters, managing secretary, that the Hemet Valley Turkey Show is scheduled to open on Wednesday, Oct. 5, and run through Monday, October 10.

"Operation Turkey"

SUNFAIR — These are busy mornings for the turkey growers in the Rancho Sun Valley area. Shipments of birds to market are being made almost daily now and will continue on through the fall.

Cooperation is the keynote of the shipping procedure. At a meeting

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Turkey Page

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